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 MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY
 FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

YOUR ELIOT HEADLINES MRS. MEIR'S INTENDED RESIGNATION. (A-1)
 JONATHAN RANDAL WRITES THE STORY ON THE TURKISH AIRLINER CRASH
 NEAR PARIS. SABOTAGE HAS NOT BEEN RULED OUT BECAUSE OF THE
 EXPLOSION. (A-1)

RUSKO DOBER REPORTS FROM WARSAW THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS
 WARSAW PACT ALLIES ARE ENGAGED IN INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT
 ENERGY PROBLEMS THAT THREATEN TO PRODUCE DEEP DIVISIONS. THE
 PROBLEM IS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE SELLING ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS
 TO EASTERN EUROPE AT PRICES NEGOTIATED IN 1969 AND 1970, AND
 WANT TO INCREASE TO CURRENT AND FUTURE PRICES. (A-1)

A UPI STORY SAYS HANOI HAS AGREED FOR THE FIRST TIME TO ALLOW
 U.S. OFFICIALS TO RECOVER BODIES OF 12 AMERICANS KILLED IN BOER-
 ING RAI Y. (A-1)

MICHAEL GETLER WRITES ABOUT WHAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER IS GOING
 TO SAY TODAY IN DEFENSE OF THE MILITARY BUDGET TO CONGRESS, CIT-
 ING THE MIDDLE EAST WAR AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE HIGH COST OF PRE-
 PAREDNESS AND SOVIET INTENTIONS. (A-2)

MARILYN BERGEN COVENS YOUR ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG AND A PICTURE OF
 YOU AND FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEER ACCOMPANIES. SHE ALSO REVIEWS
 PROGRESS AND HOPES FROM THE MIDDLE EAST PORTION OF YOUR TRIP.
 (A-1)

JOSEPH ALSO FORSEES THE U.S. WITH ONLY 3/7 OF THE SOVIET WARHEAD
 NUMBERS BY THE END OF THIS DECADE IF WE CONTINUE AS WE ARE. THE
 SOVIETS WILL ALSO HAVE A SUPERIORITY IN OTHER SYSTEMS. THESE
 FACTORS BRING INTO QUESTION OUR OFFICIAL STRATEGIC CONCEPT OF
 "ASSURED DESTRUCTION" AND HOW TO HANDLE THE NEXT ROUND OF SALT
 TALKS.

A CHAIN OF POLITICAL TROUBLES HAS SWEPT THE EUROPEAN DEMOCRACIES,
 LEAVING MOST GOVERNMENTS WEAKENED AND SOME COUNTRIES WITHOUT EFNA
 ECTIVE GOVERNMENT AT ALL. (A-1)

EGYPT'S GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED NEWSPAPERS GAVE HIGH PRAISE TO THE
 SOVIET UNION AS THE ARABS' STURDIEST AND MOST CONSISTENT FRIEND.
 (A-2)

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BERNARD GHERTEMAN WRITES THAT DESPITE ALL THE ANASTOMOSIS, AN EMBARK-
 QUETS, THE KISSING, AND GIFT-GIVING, THE ARABS HAVE NOT GIVEN
 YOU WHAT AMERICANS WANT -- THE LIFTING OF THE OIL EMBARGO. IT
 MAY COME AT THE MARCH 10 OIL MINISTERS' MEETING BUT YOU, HAVING
 BEEN EMBARRASSED BY AN EARLIER BURST OF OPTIMISM, HAD ORDERED
 AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO SAY NOTHING. (A-3)
 CRAIG WHITNEY REVIEWS YOUR MIDEAST TRIP AND THE DISCUSSIONS YOU
 WILL BE HAVING IN BONN. (A-3)
 LESLIE GELP REPORTS ON GEORGE KENNON'S ARTICLE IN FOREIGN POLICY
 WHICH CONTENDS EUROPEAN DISARRAY IS A PRODUCT OF THEIR OWN CHOICE,
 REFLECTING A LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN WHAT LIES WITHIN RATHER THAN
 A FEAR OF WHAT LIES WITHOUT. (A-6)
 BERNARD WEINRAUB FINDS POLITICAL ANALYSTS IN INDIA BELIEVING
 PRIME MINISTER GANDHI WILL HAVE TO RELY HEAVILY ON COMMUNIST
 SUPPORT IN THE WAKE OF RECENT CLOSE ELECTION VICTORIES. POSTURES
 WHICH HAVE LONG CEASED TO BE RELEVANT ARE ANTICIPATED. (A-11)
 JOHN KINNEY SAYS THE U.S. WON'T INSIST ON NUMERICAL PARITY WITH
 THE SOVIETS IN ARMS TALKS. ACCORDING TO SECRETARY SCHLESINGER.
 (A-14)
 DEEN MIDDLETON CITES PENTAGON CONCERN OVER THE MEN AND MATERIAL
 BUILDUP BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. (A-15)
 THE BALTIMORE SUN
 JAMES KEAT WRITES THAT YOU LEFT THE MIDDLE EAST WITH HIGH HOPES,
 BUT NOT TOTAL CONFIDENCE, THAT THE ARAB OIL PRODUCERS WOULD SOON
 LIFT THE EMBARGO AGAINST THE U.S. (A-1)
 A BREAKTHROUGH IN THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPER-
 ATION COULD COME SOON WITH A COMPROMISE ON EAST-WEST CONTACTS,
 A U.S. OFFICIAL IN BONN SAID. (A-1)
 BRITAIN'S POLITICAL CRISIS CONTINUED AS POWERFUL VOICES IN THE
 LIBERAL PARTY WERE RAISED AGAINST ANY COALITION WITH THE TORIES.
 (A-1)
 THE "SCHLESINGER SHIFT," WHICH CALLS FOR U.S. NUCLEAR FORCES TO
 BE COUPLED WITH EUROPEAN CONVENTIONAL FORCES, HAS BEEN WELL RE-
 CEIVED IN WEST GERMANY. (A-2)
 DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER SAID THE PENTAGON IS TROUBLED BY
 THE SOVIET UNION'S "TRULY MASSIVE" MISSILE DEVELOPMENT DURING
 THE PAST YEAR. (A-2)
 THE U.S. BECAME THE SOVIET UNION'S PRINCIPAL WESTERN SUPPLIER
 LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY TRADE FIGURES COMPILED IN
 MOSCOW. (A-6)
 CHARLES YOST WRITES THAT IF THE YEAR ENDS AS IT BEGAN WITH THE
 EUROPEANS DIVIDED AND PICKERING AMONG THEMSELVES, THE U.S. WILL
 HARDLY BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE USEFULLY WITH THEM EITHER THE NEW
 MEASURES NEEDED TO CONFRONT THE ENERGY CRISIS OR THE MONETARY,
 TRADE, AND SECURITY REFORMS CONTEMPLATED BEFORE THAT CRISIS
 STRUCK. (A-9)

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